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Alright idiots. The stock your grandpa bought you because it pays high dividends might just cover your Risperdal copay for the year. CTL dipped 2.5% today after beating earnings by a fuckton and breaking through previous resistance prices so now is the time to buy. I'm copying an article posted below about the stock because I'm not trying to reinvent the wheel.

CenturyLink has been a troubled stock over the past few years following its merger with Level 3 Communications, which saddled the company with a high debt load. Moreover, the company has several older technology segments

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that are clearly in decline, such as landline phones, leading to overall revenue declines.

However, underneath these old technologies is one of the world's premier fiberoptic networks, that will be needed to power next-gen connectivity on a global basis. As these fiber-related segments grow, overall declines appear to be stabilizing, and a turnaround could be in the cards.

Last quarter, revenue fell 3.4%, but that was better than analyst forecasts, and a deceleration from a 5.6% revenue decline in the year-ago quarter. Moreover, the company's enterprise segment, its largest (though not a majority) actually grew 1.7% year over year after several years of flat to negative growth.

Moreover, CenturyLink has been able to keep adjusted EBITDA relatively flat or growing thanks to large cost cuts and integration synergies from the Level 3 acquisition. The company grew adjusted EBITDA cost savings to \$620 million last quarter, up from \$510 million in the first quarter, on the way to a target of \$800 million to \$1 billion.

And perhaps most importantly, CenturyLink has been paying down and refinancing its debt load. Since the company cut its dividend and announced a three-year de-levering plan in early 2019, CenturyLink has already paid down \$2.5 billion in debt. But beyond the mere debt pay-down, CenturyLink has also been able to refinance its older high-interest debt at lower rates due to the low-rate environment and its de-risked balance sheet. They recently lowered their interest expense guidance by 100MM to 1.7B.

I'm back and I'm going to add my piece that is not financial advice because I'm retarded and this is a casino here.

CenturyLink's market cap of 11.51B is currently just over 50% of 2019 sales of 22.4B. By comparison, AT&T's market cap is currently 148% of their 2019 sales and Verizon is at over 770%. CTL is selling at 80% of book value. That's right: this is a profitable, FCF positive, network provider with a major moat in established markets, yield 10% selling below book.

Price target is \$18.00, it is currently at \$10.80.

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This DD from last week talks about some potentially not bullshit rumors that say CTL is planning a fancy 5G acquisition with all the FCF they're accumulating with the activities above. Basically CTLs fiber network makes it a rocket once we switch over to 5G, earnings should continue to beat expectations, and if they make a good announcement/acquisition, there is no reason why it shouldn't be at \$15.00 by the end of the year.

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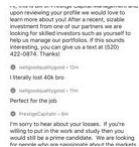
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